

year to devote his undivided attention. The influx of commercial enterprises into the town calls for increased pastoral watchfulness. The minister of the parish of Ferrero, after a five hours' private conference, was suspended; that is to say, he gave in his resignation, which was accepted; and the rule was adopted that all who resign their offices must within a month announce whether they propose remaining in connection with the Waldensian Church or not, so that the Table may acquiesce or otherwise, according as they judge of the reasons and motives adduced for any resignation. The second head contained the reports of the Hospitals and Orphanage, and other works of beneficence; while the third embraced the wide subject of Schools. Discussions ensued as to the primary schools, which contain 4,200 pupils; the Normal School, which this year have sent out a pupil to teach in Africa; the Superior Female School, the College at La Tour, and the Theological Hall at Florence, of which it can be affirmed that no pastor who has studied within its walls these twenty years of its existence has given any cause for anxiety, either on the score of behaviour or orthodoxy.

Various decisions were reached in each of these branches of education, the chief of which was the constitution of a fourth independent administration in the Waldensian Church, responsible only to the Synod, to care for the Theological School. These four administrations are the Table, the Hospital Commission, the Evangelization Committee, and the Theological Board.

The Evangelization Report, though shorter than usual, was full of interest. The Waldensian Church now contains five presbyteries, in which there are 40 churches, 16 stations, 50 places regularly visited, 108 agents, including pastors, evangelists, teachers, and colporteurs. It numbers 3,830 worshippers, 13,320 occasional hearers, 2,268 communicants, 336 catechumens, 185 members recently admitted, 1,847 pupils in day-schools, 1,493 children in the Sabbath-schools, and contributions to the extent of about £1,000 sterling from the membership of the church for missions, worship, schools, and works of charity. The committee have cared less for extension than consolidation during the past year. Their desire has been to make each mission station a centre of activity, each missionary acting as bishop in his wide diocese, so as to save the expense of an evangelist in isolated places where a small handful of evangelicals are found: £8,000 sterling per annum are needed, and so adverse have been the times that, but for a noble legacy of £1,000 sterling of the late Miss Portal, four-fifths of which were allotted for evangelization, the account would have closed with a deficit. Deputations from Scotland,